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user. During the conference, Marion Pape handed over the Presidential gavel to new President Charles Cameron of Newfoundland. The workshops were informative and dealt with issues facing libraries in these times of changing technology and economy. The exhibits allowed for the opportunity to preview products available to libraries and to make those much needed connections to the people involved - with over 30 exhibitors I am still sorting out my notes!

The social aspect of the conference was also important as it gave me the opportunity to meet counterparts from other provinces. It is impressive to see the wealth of human resources in the library field. Thank you to APLA and to those who extended their welcome hand to me, a first timer.
Charlotte Janes, NSAR DOBIS CONTRACT

Provincial Library has received and will comment on a draft copy of the new proposal from the National Library of Canada for inputting Nova Scotia holdings into the national database. Final terms of the contract will be negotiated in the near future.

NOVAKNOWLEDGE STAKEHOLDER'S ASSEMBLY

The Stakeholder's Assembly, taking place June 10 and 11 at the Halifax Sheraton, is concentrating on the NGL Nordicity Study on the Nova Scotia Electronic Highway. Provincial Library is included in an afternoon of presentations on NcompasS and the Provincial network vision.

GROUP CATALOGUING RATE

Representatives from Provincial Library, Dartmouth Regional Library and Halifax City Regional Library recently met with Gordon Sharp of ISM (formerly Utlas) to discuss a block pricing proposal. A block pricing scheme will take advantage of the combined number of transactions of all three libraries, giving each a better cataloguing rate.

ELECTRONIC DEMOCRACY

Marion Pape attended a workshop in Ottawa on June 7 on electronic democracy sponsored by Industry Canada. Discussion focused on how the network of networks (Internet) on the Information Superhighway can be most effectively designed to provide space for public information sharing, public debate and electronic democracy. Participants included representatives from CLA, National Library,

the Provincial Libraries of Ontario and Nova Scotia, Stentor, Micromedia, anti-poverty groups and government among others. Garth Graham of Telecommunities Canada moderated the workshop. A full report will be sent to Chief Librarians as soon as it is completed.

ILL SYSTEM UPDATE

Although Donna Bourne-Tyson is no longer with us , we are continuing the legacy of the automation of ILL functions. Dale MacMillan and Sue Dirani will be completing this project which is in the final stages of development. Some fine tuning must be completed, as well as the preparation of the accompanying documentation. We hope to have the package ready for training regional staff in mid-July. In an effort to determine a viable training date, Dale has asked regional ILL staff to advise us of their vacation schedules. ILL staff will be brought to Provincial Library for training so stay tuned for possible dates.

DANCE OF JOY!

Technical Services staff are delighted to report that they have started barcoding new books, for the Provincial Library collections, catalogued on NcompasS. Barcoding will facilitate the circulation module of multiLIS, making loans easier to track. Any questions you have regarding barcoding should be addressed to Betsy Armstrong (earmstro).

SHELF LIST CARD PRODUCTION

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library has been using NcompasS quite effectively to produce shelf list cards they may require. They are also changing the status of items that they no longer have to "withdrawn", until NSPL has a chance to delete them. Here is their technique for producing shelf list cards:

In WordPerfect 6.0, use the Times New Roman 12pt font and set the margins as follows: Left: .5", Right: 3.5", and Top: .5". Copy and paste the record from NcompasS into your WP document and print it. Cut the printed record about .5" smaller than the shelf list card and glue into place.

USER SERVICES MEETS ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

On May 30, User Services staff members Dale MacMillan, Ann Dunsworth and Arlene Watts visited the Wolfville Branch of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library where they participated in a

meeting of regional library staff from all branches. During the visit, User Services staff presented a video on conducting a reference interview and took part in discussions on ILL, Reference and TBS/MBS services. The meeting provided an effective forum for User Services staff to gather suggestions on services offered by Provincial Library. A high level of satisfaction was expressed by Annapolis Valley staff.

REFERENCE SURVEY

All Regional Libraries are reminded to send in their Provincial Library Reference User Survey responses. So far it looks like the response is very positive and we hope to obtain some valuable feedback. The results will be put into a summary report which will be made available to anyone interested. For further information contact Carol Morris (cmorris).

PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

The tables for the 1992/93 Statistics Report have been sent out to the Regional Librarians for proof reading. Once that is complete the report will be sent to the printer. The 1993/94 report is next on the agenda! Also, planning has started for the next Directory of N.S. Libraries, for release this September.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Arlene Watts reports that feedback on the T-shirts and sweatshirts for the Summer Reading Programme has been extremely positive. Our compliments go to graphic artist, Barry Donovan, for producing such an attractive design for this year's theme! STAFFING CHANGES

Provincial Library has received approval to temporarily staff Wendy Duff's position as Coordinator of Technical Services on a casual basis for six months.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library is happy to announce the appointment of Michelle Walters as Technical and Automated Services Librarian. Welcome aboard Michelle!

NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

ASSOCIATES: The Electronic Library Support Staff Journal is a new electronic journal intended as a forum for and about library support staff issues. This journal is produced under an editorial board comprised of representatives from several American university

libraries. ASSOCIATES is published in July, November and March, and is available by subscribing to ASSOC-L at LISTSERV@UKANVM.CC.UKANS.EDU. Submissions will be accepted at any time. As this is a journal specifically aimed at and about library support staff, all support staff are encouraged to submit pieces. They may be sent to ASSOCIAT@UKANVM.CC.UKANS.EDU.

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That's it for this issue. Stay tuned . . . .

If you have any questions or comments about the activities mentioned, please contact the people involved.

We encourage readers to comment on items found in THE DISSEMINATOR and/or make suggestions about content. These comments should be directed to Sue Dirani (sdirani).

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